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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: REMARKS BY SEC. VANCE WHILE WALKING FROM CLARIDGES TO EMBASSY, APRIL 1, 1977

QUESTION: I WAS WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY IN GENERAL, TODAY, ABOUT MR. GROMYKO'S PRESS CONFERENCE LATE YESTERDAY?

VANCE: NO, I HAVE NOTHING NEW TO ADD TO WHAT HAS BEEN GAID ON THAT

SAID ON THAT.

QUESTION: MR. GROMYKO SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE PROPOSALS

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THAT YOU TOOK TO MOSCOW WERE UNFAIR?

VANCE: WELL, I HAVE SPOKEN TO THAT QUESTION BEFORE.
I THINK THAT THEY WERE FAIR AND EVENLY BALANCED AND I
HOPE THAT WHEN THEY FURTHER REFLECT ON THEM THAT THEY
WILL COME TO THAT CONCLUSION AND THAT WE WILL BE
ABLE TO PICK UP OUR NEGOTIATIONS AND WORK TOWARDS A

SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

QUESTION: SPECIFICALLY HE SAID THAT THE U.S. FAILURE TO SPECIFY SOME LIMITATION ON CRUISE MISSILES, HE WAS PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY WITH THAT. DO YOU THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MODIFICATION ON THE U.S.....?

VANCE: THE COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE DID CONTAIN A LIMITATION ON THE CRUISE MISSILES.

QUESTION: MR. GROMYKO SAID AT FIRST THAT THE U.S. STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS NOT THE FACTOR IN THE SOVIETS' REFUSAL TO ADOPT YOUR PACKAGE, BUT IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE LATER ROSE TO HIS FEET IN ANGER AND IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS NOT WELCOME WITH THE SOVIET UNION. DO YOU THINK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS STAND HAS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH

VANCE: I CAN'T REALLY SPEAK FOR THEM AND I THINK WE WILL JUST HAVE TO LET IT STAND WHERE IT IS... ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID. THANK YOU.

THE SOVIET POSITION... ON YOUR PACKAGE?

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